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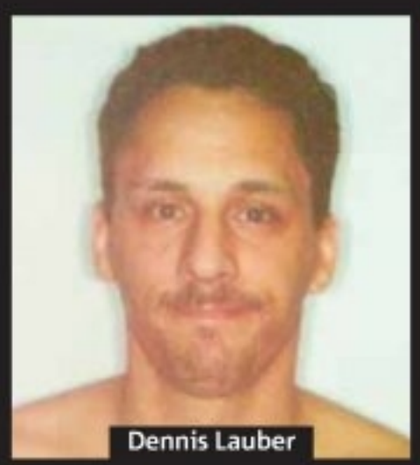
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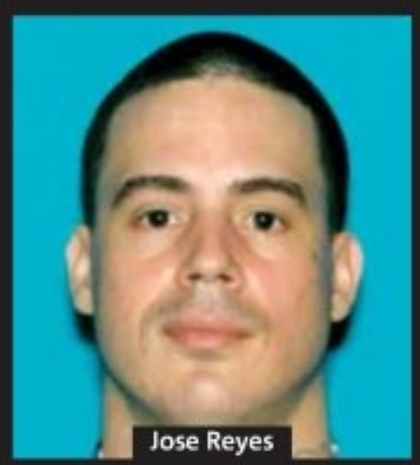
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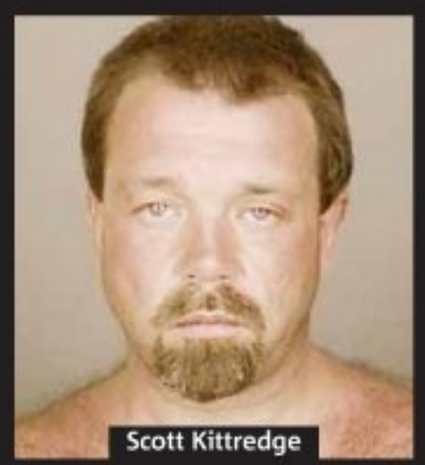
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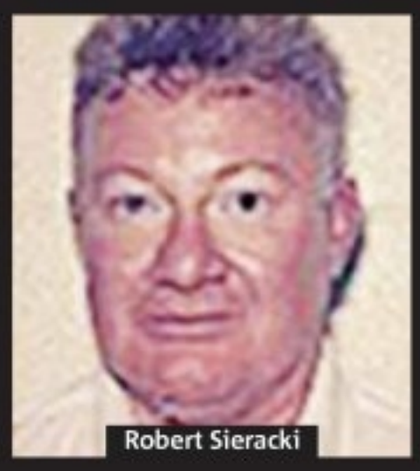
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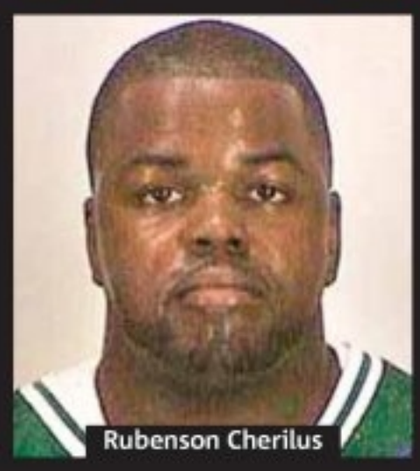
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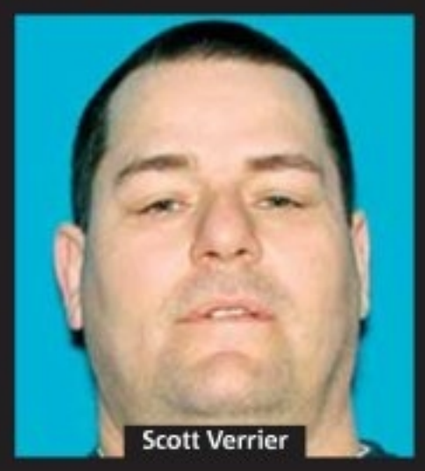
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Two dozen Occupiers arraigned

BOSTON. Two dozen Occupiers answered to criminal charges yesterday after their arrest during the eviction of the Occupy Boston camp from Dewey Square last weekend.

Sixteen men and women, some charged with trespassing and others also charged with resisting arrest, were released on probation and were ordered to stay away from Dewey Square.

The remaining eight defendants will face criminal proceedings. METRO

Take the T to ski

BOSTON. The MBTA and Commuter Rail are offering weekend "ski trains" straight to Wachusett Mountain this winter.

Slope-goers can hop on the commuter rail at North Station, or any stops on the Fitchburg line, and take the specially modified coach to Fitchburg station, where a shuttle bus will take them to the mountain.

The coach contains special space-saving racks for ski equipment. METRO

Tufts students get dressy

SOMERVILLE. After Tufts University banned the students' annual Naked Quad Run, they mocked the administration's decision by holding an "Excessively Overdressed Quad Stroll."

According to the Somerville Journal, students strutted around campus in old Halloween costumes, suits and fancy dresses to celebrate the semester's end. METRO

Gaming. Commisioner appointed

▶ Stephen P. Crosby, left, speaks at a ceremony yesterday after Gov. Deval Patrick named him the state's first gaming commissioner. Crosby is a former state official who worked closely with two Republican governors in the past.

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Time to let the games begin

Gov. Deval Patrick appointed the Massachusetts Gaming Commissioner yesterday. Stephen P. Crosby will take the role and oversee a five-member board responsible for setting standards and regulations for the incoming casino industry. METRO/BOSTON.COM

Hunt is on for Mass. violators

▶ Probation Dept. seeking public's help to locate violent, missing criminals ▶ Multiple child predators on list ▶ Officials hoping to replicate initial success

Hoping the success from its first "Most Wanted" list continues, the Probation Department has issued a new list of the state's most wanted probationers that includes men wanted for child rape or intent to murder.

Also included on the list are a former Wareham man convicted of child rape, a Methuen man sentenced for armed assault to murder and a Level 3 sex offender from Hyannis.

"We are seeking help from the public to find these individuals. Tips, calls and e-mails from the public during our last most wanted release are what led to the successful apprehension of offenders," said Chief Probation Officer Joseph Jackson. "We are appealing to the public once again."

"They are clearly violent people. [The public] should always be cautious. These guys jumped out at us as people we wanted to apprehend."
JOSEPH JACKSON, CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER

Working with state police, authorities were able to capture all but one person on the department's first most wanted list released earlier this year.

That man, Rubenson Cherilus, 28, of Somerville, is included on the new list. He is wanted for gun possession and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

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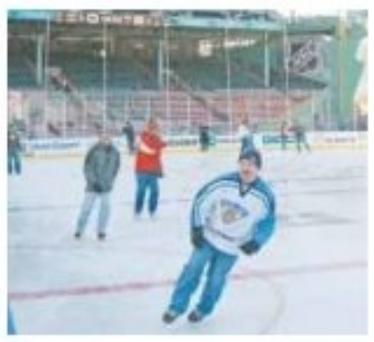
Most wanted

The new probationers:

- **Jeffrey Wood, 54,** Wareham; missing since 1997, rape of a child with force, assault and battery on a police officer
- **David Lacouture, 49,** Hyannis; indecent assault and battery on a child, failure to register as a sex offender
- **Robert Sieracki, 71,** Osterville; indecent assault and battery on a child
- **Scott Kittredge, 47,** Methuen; armed assault to murder, carjacking, armed robbery
- **Scott Verrier, 45,** Boston; refusing to stop for police, larceny, violation of a restraining order
- **Michael Washington, 56,** Attleboro; armed burglary, home invasion, armed assault
- **Jose Reyes, 32,** Worcester; assault and battery with a knife
- **Dennis Lauber, 46,** Lynn; armed robbery, assault and battery, larceny



Free skate days on Fenway ice

Mayor Thomas Menino and the Red Sox are giving away 3,600 passes for Bostonians to ice skate at Fenway Park

Tickets will be handed out at various locations throughout the Hub this Saturday from 9 to 10 a.m. only.

The city, in conjunction with Sun Life Frozen Fenway 2012 celebrations, will give away the tickets on a first-come, first-served basis, with a maximum of four tickets per family.

Visit cityofboston.gov for a list of where to get tickets. STEVE ANNEAR

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School aide accused of lewdness

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Harbor School

Boston police said they are seeking a criminal complaint against a teacher's assistant who is alleged to have had inappropriate interactions with a student.

Police said yesterday that they responded to the Harbor School in Dorchester on Monday for a complaint of an incident between an aide and a disabled, nonverbal student.

"As a result of a preliminary investigation and consultation with prosecutors, detectives are immediately seeking complaints against the teacher's assistant for a charge of lewd and lascivious behavior," police said.

The assistant has not been identified and was placed on paid leave.

The 14-year-old autistic student's mother, Geralynn Gray, told WCVB that she was informed that another teacher walked into a break room to find her son with his pants around his knees and the aide with his pants open.

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Man nearly shot by police after struggle

A man was nearly shot by police yesterday when he and officers became involved in a "violent struggle" when he allegedly pulled a gun on them.

The man was arrested but was not identified as a press time.

Gang unit officers were conducting an investigation near the Adams Court housing development at 431 River St., police said.

During the investigation, the man allegedly pointed a gun at the officers.

One officer then fired a round, but no one was struck. They were able to wrestle the gun away from the man and he was arrested. METRO/MN

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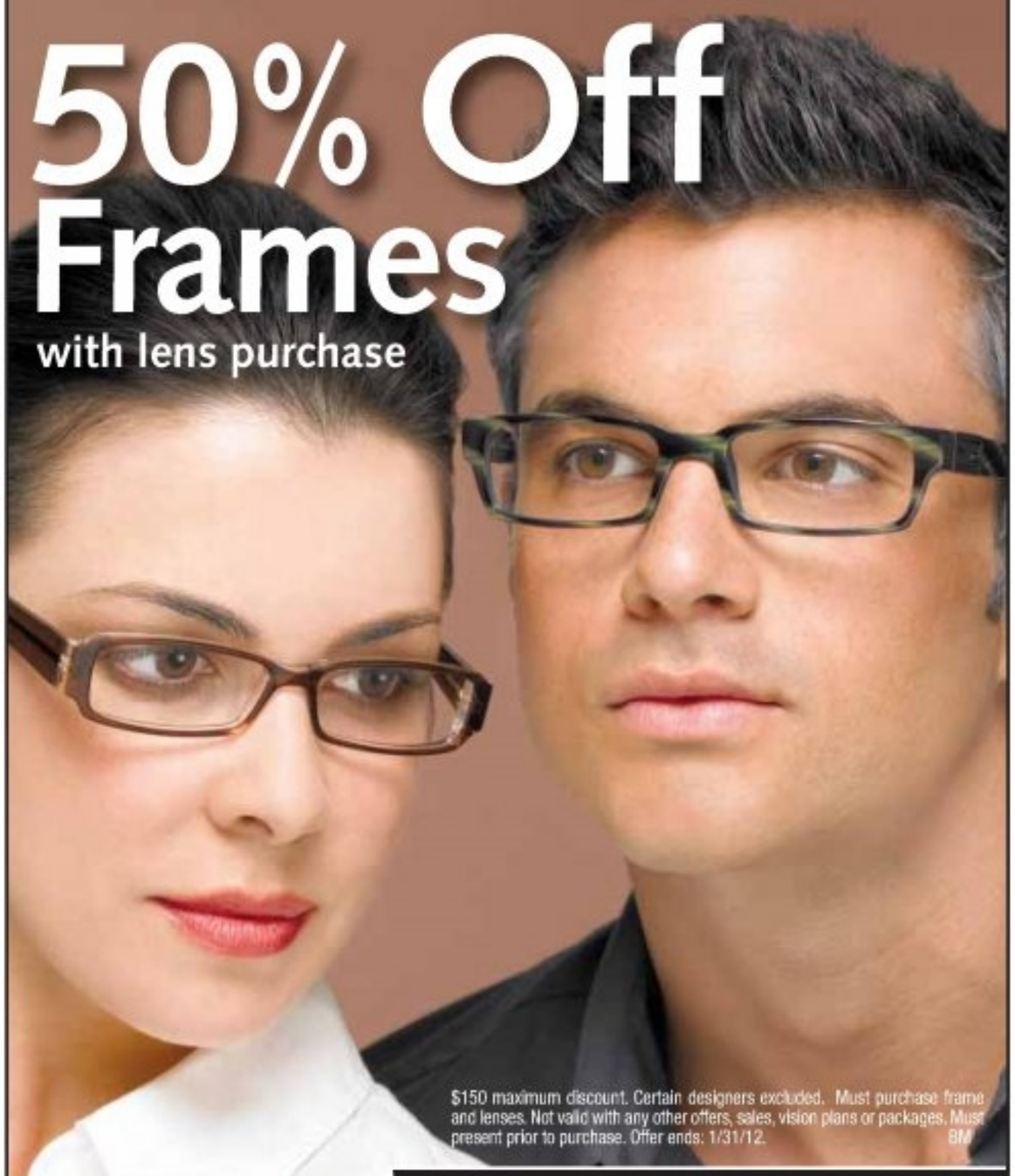

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BU hockey star charged with sex assault on student

Leading Hockey East scorer allegedly groped female student ◗ Coaches kick him off the team permanently

A Boston University hockey star pleaded not guilty to sexually assaulting a female student in a dorm room last weekend.

Corey Trivino, 21, of Toronto, was released on his own recognizance during his arraignment Monday, but a judge ordered him to surrender his passport and stay away from the victim and the school's dorms.

BU police responded to the female student's dorm room at 10 Buick St. at about 11 p.m. Sunday night, authorities said.

She told officers that Trivino, a senior, forced his way into her room, tried to kiss her and groped her repeatedly after she asked him and a group of others to abide by the dorm's quiet hours, authorities said.

▶ Trivino

"Trivino allegedly refused to leave her room even when she resisted his advances and told him he needed to go," according to a statement from the Suffolk district attorney's office.

Trivino fled the room when the woman called for help on the phone.

Police found him in an elevator and when they asked where he lived he told them the woman's room number.

The New York Islanders selected Trivino in the second round in the 2008 draft. He is the leading scorer in the Hockey East conference this season with 13 goals.

Coach Jack Parker told BU Today that Trivino was permanently removed from the team.

He is due back in court next month.

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Woman wanted for assault on bus

Transit police are looking for a woman who allegedly assaulted another rider while yelling profanities on an MBTA bus on Nov. 27.

According to reports, a 41-year-old male was the victim of assault and battery after boarding the Route 1 bus leaving Dudley Square.

Allegedly, the victim boarded the bus and sat down next to the female suspect who then pushed him out of his seat, swearing and using homophobic slurs.

The suspect is described as a black female, 25, wearing a black jacket and gold hoop earrings. Anyone with information can call the Transit police at 617-222-1050. METRO

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Mentor or molester?

That's the question headed to a jury in the criminal case of Jerry Sandusky
His attorney waives a preliminary hearing

Mentor to underprivileged children or serial child molester? For ex-Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky, a jury may now decide.

Sandusky, who masterminded fearsome defenses at Pennsylvania State University for 23 years, shocked a packed courtroom yesterday with his own defensive move: He waived his preliminary hearing, which means that he now goes straight to trial on 52 counts of child molestation.

Reaching for a football metaphor, the 67-year-old former coach told reporters: "We fully intend to put together the best possible defense that we can do, to stay the course, to fight for four quarters."

The courtrooms and jail cells where Sandusky has been since he was charged in early November are far from the high-pressure world of big-time college football, where he ran with the winners.

And he lavished the perks of his success on young boys. He started a charity, The Second Mile, to help needy children and often befriended boys, giving them presents and access to the glamour of sports that even rich kids could only dream of.

In his 2001 autobiography, "Touched," Sandusky describes how he and his wife, Dottie, also adopted one of those boys from The Second Mile, his youngest son Matt, whom Sandusky met through the charity when the boy was 7 or 8 years old.

Sandusky now faces 52 grand jury counts of sexual abuse of 10 young boys recruited from The Second Mile.

If convicted on all counts, Sandusky could be sentenced to more than 500 years in prison. He has denied any wrongdoing and is free on $250,000 bail.

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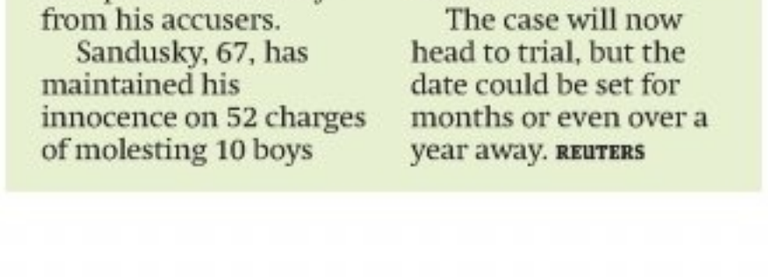

▶ JJerry Sandusky arrives with his wife Dottie at Centre County Courthouse in Bellefonte yesterday.

'Tactical measure' delays accuser testimony

Former Penn State football coach Jerry Sandusky on Tuesday abruptly waived his right to a preliminary hearing on child sex abuse charges, delaying by several months the first public testimony from his accusers.

Sandusky, 67, has maintained his innocence on 52 charges of molesting 10 boys over more than a decade.

"We are not in any way conceding guilt. Today's decision was a tactical measure," Joe Amendola, Sandusky's defense attorney, told reporters outside the courtroom.

The waiver was the latest twist in a scandal that shook the prestigious university in central Pennsylvania and prompted a string of investigations into how football culture at Penn State might have contributed to the scandal and its fallout.

The case will now head to trial, but the date could be set for months or even over a year away. REUTERS

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▶ Syrian pro-regime supporters dance in the street.

Deaths pile up in Syria

AMMAN. Security forces killed 17 people in Syria yesterday and rebels killed seven police officers in an ambush, activists said, after the U.N. human rights chief put the death toll from nine months of protest against President Bashar al-Assad at 5,000.

The bloodshed highlighted accelerating violence as an insurgency has begun to overshadow what started as peaceful street protests against Assad's 11-year rule. **REUTERS**

US cuts aid to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD. A U.S. Congressional panel has frozen $700 million in aid to Pakistan until it gives assurances it is helping fight the spread of homemade bombs in the region, a move one Pakistani senator called unwise and likely to strain ties further.

Pakistan is one of the largest recipients of U.S. foreign aid and the cutback announced is only a small proportion of the billions in civil and military assistance it gets each year.

But it could presage even greater cuts. **REUTERS**

Grenades, assault rifle used in Europe kill spree

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▶ Ambulances and police wait in the Liege, Belgium, area after a gunman attack.

◗ In Belgium, man kills three, wounds 123 others, then takes his own life ◗ Officials say no clear link to terror

A man hurled grenades at a bus stop in the Belgian city of Liege and sprayed gunfire at a square crowded with Christmas shoppers and children yesterday, killing three people and wounding 123 others before fatally shooting himself in the head.

It was not clear what his motive was, but Belgian officials said there was no indication it was an act of terrorism.

Witnesses said the gunman, named as Nordine Amrani, 33, began his attack near the bus stop at Place Saint Lambert, a shopping area and the site of the Christmas market and main courthouse — sending shoppers scattering to flee the bullets.

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Random killings of this kind are relatively rare in Belgium. Most recently, in January 2009, a man stabbed to death two infants and a woman and injured 13 at a nursery in the town of Dendermonde.

Amrani, released from jail about a year ago after being convicted of possessing weapons illegally, ended it by shooting himself in the head with a handgun, the witnesses said.

"He had a bag. He got a grenade out of his bag. He threw the grenade at the bus stop. Then he had a Kalashnikov [rifle]. He shot in all directions. Then, everyone ran to try to save themselves. Then he got a revolver out and put a bullet in his head," one witness told RTBF radio.

The victims were a 15-year-old boy, who died at the scene, a 17-year-old boy and a 75-year-old woman who died in hospital. A justice official said 123 had been wounded.

Officials said Amrani had been summoned in the morning to appear before police, an appointment he did not make. **REUTERS**

Retail sales growth weak in November

- Casts doubt on prolific holiday shopping season
- Fed warns market turbulence poses threat to future

Retail sales grew at their slowest pace in five months in November, tempering expectations for a strong holiday shopping season.

Retail sales increased a weaker-than-expected 0.2 percent after gaining 0.6 percent in October, a Commerce Department report showed yesterday.

Relatively strong consumer spending in recent months has helped the United States resist a global slowdown fed by Europe's still menacing debt crisis.

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Drop in household wealth so far this year, which is likely affecting consumer spending.

A separate report showed U.S. business inventories rose in October by the most in five months, pointing to stronger growth as companies restock shelves to meet consumer demand.

Indeed, November's cooler retail data looked unlikely to rekindle fears of an imminent recession, and Federal Reserve policymakers meeting on Tuesday did not unveil any major policy shifts. The Fed did, however, say financial market turbulence posed a threat to economic growth.

Some economists warned that some of the strength in American consumption has come from households saving less, a trend that might not last. Indeed, yesterday's retail data suggested some of that strength might already be waning.

"November's modest rise could ... be the start of a period in which households start to spend more within their means," said Paul Dales, an economist with Capital Economics in London. REUTERS

There is some good news

Some report details were more heartening. Sales outside autos, gasoline and building materials — which correspond most closely with the consumer spending component of the government's gross domestic product report — rose 0.3 percent in November.

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▶ Shoppers were out on Broadway in New York City yesterday.

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MAN AND WOMAN OF THE YEAR
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Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords picked up a lot of votes in Metro's Person of the Year event yesterday — but still lags a long way behind the Occupy movement and Steve Jobs, both of whom received dozens more votes from Metro readers.

To vote:
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Gingrich's tax plan a budget bomb: Report

Tax group says plan by GOP front-runner would add $1.3T to deficit ◗ Cuts across the board — most for rich

The economic plan proposed by Republican presidential candidate Newt Gingrich would provide huge tax cuts for the rich and add $1.3 trillion to the U.S. budget deficit in 2015 alone, according to an analysis by the nonpartisan Tax Policy Center.

The figures compare the federal government's take under Gingrich's proposal with projected U.S. revenue if current tax law ran its course and existing income tax cuts expired.

The analysis finds that Gingrich's plan would cut taxes for 70 percent of households and reduce rates for the highest earners compared with what they pay now.

"It blows a huge hole in the deficit."
ROBERTON WILLIAMS, SENIOR FELLOW AT THE TAX POLICY CENTER

Gingrich's plan would create an optional 15 percent flat tax with a per-person deduction of $12,000. He would drop the corporate tax rate to 12.5 percent from 35 percent, allow businesses to write off capital expenses and eliminate taxes on capital gains and estates, according to his website.

People earning more than $1 million a year would receive an average tax cut of $613,689 in 2015, compared with what they pay now. That change would boost their after-tax income by 28.7 percent and put their average tax rate at 11.9 percent.

Gingrich's main rival for the Republican nomination, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, has proposed extending current tax rates, cutting the corporate rate to 25 percent and eliminating taxes on investment income for households earning less than $200,000 a year. BLOOMBERG

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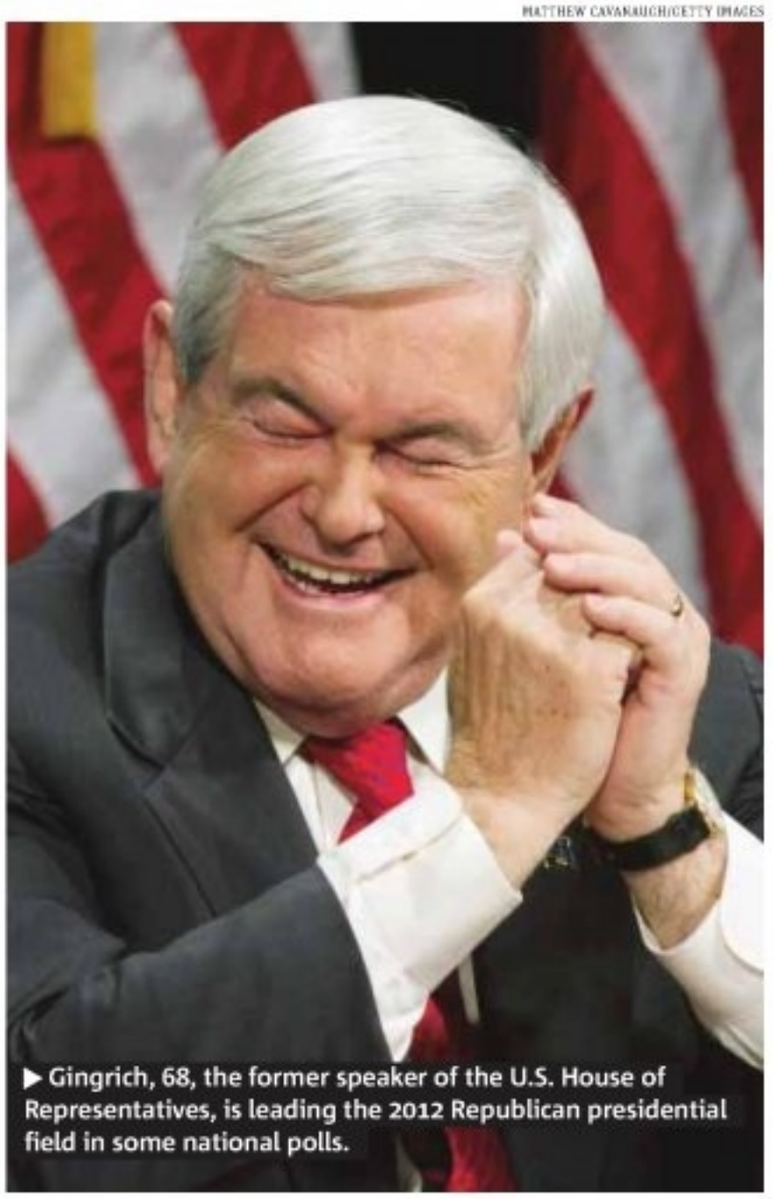
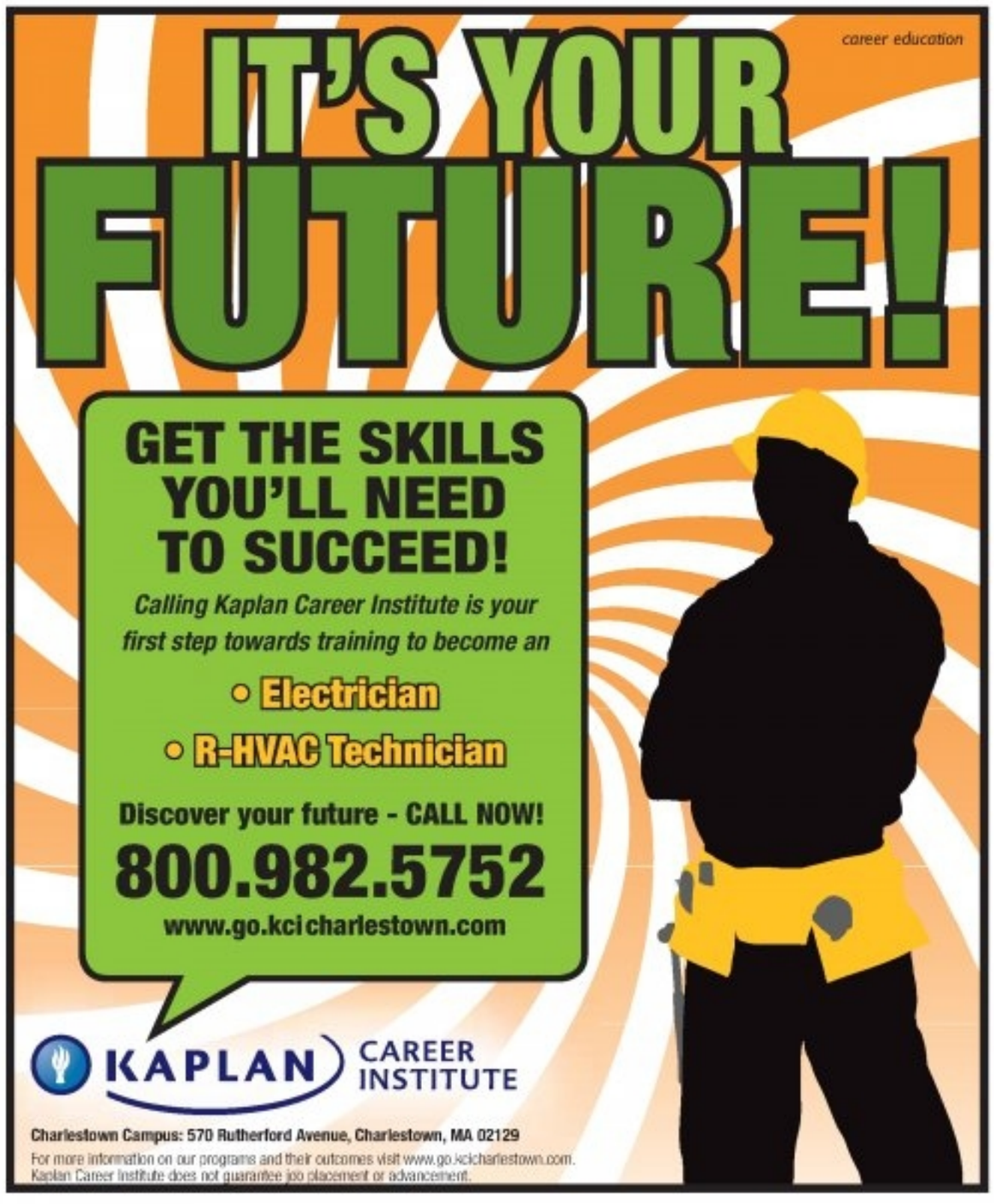


▶ Gingrich, 68, the former speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, is leading the 2012 Republican presidential field in some national polls.

Word power

The number of times legislators mentioned words like "unemployment" and "jobless" dropped considerably this year compared to 2010, according to data from CapitolWords.org.

The word "jobless" has been uttered just 87 times this year, less than half the number of times it was last year. This is particularly startling when you compare it to a very similar phrase with a much different meaning: "job creators." That phrase was said as many as nearly 145 times in a single month this year, more times than "jobless" was said in the entire year. MAINSTREET.COM



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Metro's **Monica Weymouth** shares her take on the world of gossip @monicaatmetro monica.weymouth@metro.us

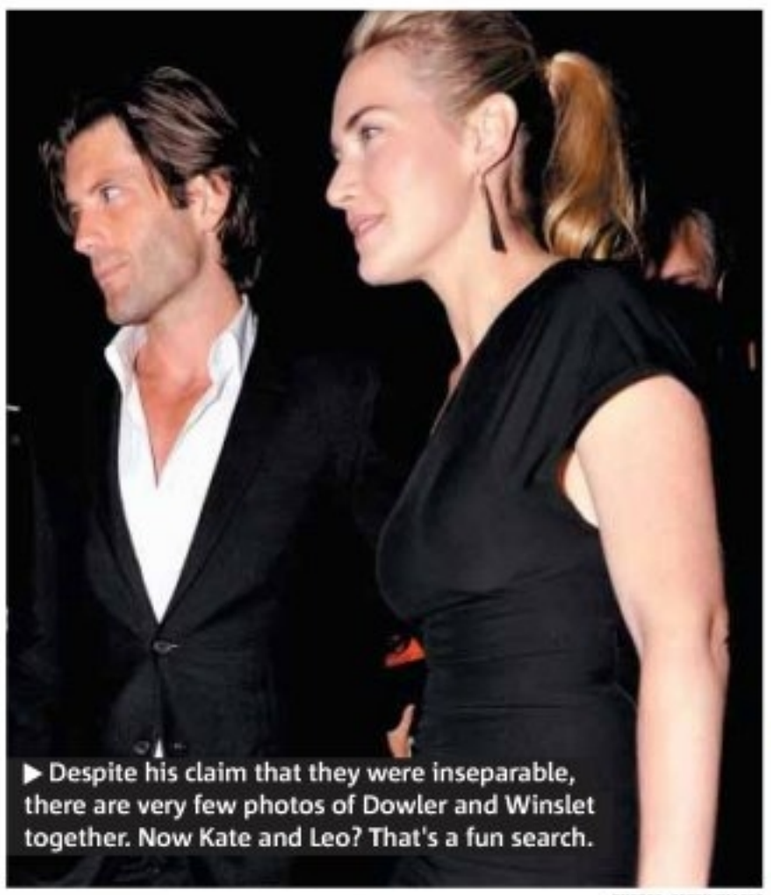
– Dorothy Robinson will return tomorrow.

Louis Dowler's heart won't go on

When it comes to breakups, we feel bad for the rich, famous, beautiful and otherwise gossip-worthy. Because while **Louis Dowler** may be a male model who once had the pleasure of dating **Kate Winslet**, he also had an eager audience when he was ready to whimper about their ending. (Weren't aware that these two even happened? The annoyingly good-looking pair dated after Winslet divorced director **Sam Mendes** and before she moved on to **Ned Rocknroll**, **Richard Branson**'s nephew.)

"I don't think Kate behaved well and it is still very raw for me," Dowler tells the Daily Mail. "I was in love with her, and you can't switch that off overnight. I'm not sure Kate treated me well. She met my parents and family. I thought we were inseparable. I certainly haven't found anyone else since."

Inseparable because she met your parents? We get that it's tough being a rebound guy when the world is watching and you lose out to someone named "Rocknroll." But come on, Louis. This chick pushed **Leonardo DiCaprio** and his frozen eyelashes right into the depths of the Atlantic. Kate Winslet doesn't bring pretty boys on the lifeboat.



▶ Despite his claim that they were inseparable, there are very few photos of Dowler and Winslet together. Now Kate and Leo? That's a fun search.

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Mueller goes to for-real rehab

Brooke Mueller has abandoned plans to do outpatient rehab and will instead check in to a full-time center after being arrested for possession of cocaine last week, reports TMZ.

"Brooke will retain custody of the children, who will remain in their home and familiar surroundings and be under the care of their longtime nanny. Charlie and Brooke's parents fully support her decision, and everyone recognizes the importance of maintaining the children's normal routine," her rep tells the site.

This would make us feel a lot better if the Charlie in question wasn't **Charlie Sheen**.

Talking points

Blake and Ryan: The cuddle report

Blake Lively and **Ryan Reynolds** were reportedly "very cuddly" during a midmorning double date in NYC recently with Lively's older sister and brother-in-law, according to Us Weekly. The "Green Lantern" co-stars and happy couple were "poking each other, giggling and even seen leaning on each other in the booth," a source says.

▶ Theron

Charlize living the single life

Thanks to a succession of long-term relationships, **Charlize Theron** has managed to avoid the rigors of dating. "I don't think I've actually been on a date with somebody I didn't know. I've been on dates with my boyfriend, of course, but I've never really dated," she says, according to the Daily Mail. "I've been in serious relationships from the time I was 19, and I'm single for the first time in my life since then. I had to make a real conscious effort to rediscover myself and it's hard. I'm a creature who has really found her comfort in relationships."

Sandra conflicted on Christmas

Sandra Bullock is torn over what sort of Christmas to give her 2-year-old adopted son, Louis. "The less you give, the less they'll expect. And that way, if I give him nothing, he won't remember and he won't expect it next year and it's cheaper," Bullock tells Access Hollywood of the more frugal option. On the other hand: "I want the photo ops to be really great because he's not going to remember it, but he'll remember it by the photos and when he's 16 and says, 'I hate you — you're a horrible mother,' I'll go, 'Do you see this Christmas? Do you see that I got you that life-size lion? Shut up! Get in your room and do your homework. I was a good mother then.'"

▶ Bullock

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The feed ...

▶ **Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.**

Today, Kirstie Alley is looking to make headlines, Hank Azaria is keeping track of local culinary trends, Steve Martin is not impressed and Katy Perry has upgraded.

▶ **@kirstiealley:** I think people gossip because their own lives are un-gossip worthy...Live a gossip worthy life...;)

▶ **@HankAzaria:** In my hometown there was a fondue place that later became a crepe place. Then it became a french toast palace. The first 2 facts are true.

▶ **@SteveMartin ToGo:** NEWS: Discovery of a black hole the size of nearly 10 billion Suns. Oh, please. Yawn. I'm nominated for a Grammy.

▶ **@katyperry:** Made the switch to iPhone ... now just waiting to grow thumbs...

Katy Perry

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Make way for the movie stars

1 Mary-Louise Parker — along with Tiffany & Co., Environmental Media Association and LA Conservation Corps — unveiled the latest in garden programs at Marvin Avenue Elementary School in Los Angeles, Calif., on Monday.

2 Paula Patton and Tom Cruise attended the Spanish premiere of "Mission: Impossible — Ghost Protocol" in Madrid, Spain, on Monday.

3 Rooney Mara and Daniel Craig, who play the leads in the upcoming thriller "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo," attended the world premiere of the film at Odeon Leicester Square in London, England, on Monday.

4 Scarlett Johansson attended the "We Bought A Zoo" premiere at Ziegfeld Theatre in New York City on Monday. The comedy-drama is due for release next Friday.

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CHARLIZE THERON: CLOSET NERD

While talking about her latest film, 'Young Adult,' Theron reveals excruciating details of her awkward youth Why she doesn't think she needs another best-actress Oscar

▶ Down and out in Mercury, Minn.: Charlize Theron plays a failed author on the hunt for her ex-boyfriend in "Young Adult."

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It would probably be nice for Charlize Theron to get an Oscar for her performance in "Young Adult." Most critics seem to think she deserves one. But Theron herself notes: "I can't even think about anything like that. … Plus, I have an Oscar," she says, referencing her win for 2003's "Monster." She catches herself with a laugh. "That was such an asshole thing to say." Maybe the 36-year-old is just channeling her inner jerk — because that's the nature of her character in the film, Mavis Gary, a divorced young adult author and all-around mess. She returns to her hometown to track down her high school boyfriend, now married with a new baby, in the hopes of rekindling their romance. While promoting the film, which was penned by Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody, Theron candidly revealed some of her own Mavis-like behavior.

So much of the press for this film discusses what an unsympathetic character Mavis is. Can you talk about how you see her and the idea of going against type?

What I liked when I read Diablo's script was the idea of a woman who is dealing with very common mid- to late-30s issues that women can really relate to. But because of how she went through life, [Mavis] is dealing with them the way a 16-year-old would deal with them. She says things like, "Don't you know love conquers all?" I mean, it's like the typical 16-year-old would say that, and here she is, 37, trying to get her life together.

With this and "Bridesmaids," we're seeing more of women behaving badly. Do you consider this a step forward?

I think women are almost way more conflicted than men. And I think we come from a society where we're very comfortable with the Madonna/whore complex.

Quoted

"I think people get kind of freaked out when they see real women conflicted. I think women are almost way more conflicted than men."
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Mavis is caught up with who she was in high school. What were you like in high school?

I was pretty much a mess after primary school. I really experienced more of that stuff from the ages of 7 to 12, when there was a really popular girl in my school and I was obsessed with her. You'd go to jail for that stuff today. I'm so embarrassed to say this but I was in tears one day because I couldn't sit next to her. … I wasn't in the popular crowd. I was obsessed with ballet. I wore really, really nerdy glasses. … I had a massive crush on this guy that this interviewer who just did a story on me for Vogue actually found. This guy did not know I existed in school and he was all, "Yeah, tell her the crush was mutual." F— that. It was so not mutual.

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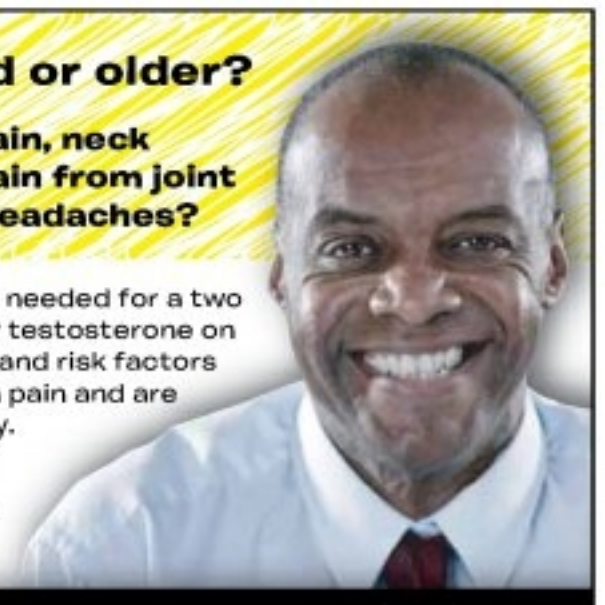

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'24/7 Flyers/ Rangers: Road to the NHL Winter Classic'

REALITY. HBO takes an inside-the-locker-room look at the New York Rangers and Philadelphia Flyers as they prepare to face off in the NHL's annual outdoor game, the Winter Classic, on Jan. 2. Last season's Winter Classic edition of "24/7" — featuring the Washington Capitals and the Pittsburgh Penguins — was reality television of the most fascinating variety, revealing athletes in an intimate portrait rarely seen. Caps coach Bruce Boudreau as an unexpected scene-stealer (see: his hilarious quest for Haagen-Dazs at the mall) was a bonus; we're betting on outspoken Rangers coach John Tortorella to have the honors this go-round.
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If 'A Christmas Carol' makes you say 'Humbug,' Naked Girls Reading may change your thoughts on Dickens

It's that time of year again: a time for baking cookies, attending tree lightings and wrapping gifts. And don't forget to attend a reading of your favorite holiday tale, "A Christmas Carol," by Naked Girls Reading. Baby Jesus shouldn't be the only one allowed to go bare this December.

Naked Girls Reading was founded in Chicago and is an international group, with chapters in most major cities. The name says it all: It's a group of naked women who love to read.

"We've had a lot of interesting themes, but this is the first time we've done Christmas," says Boston chapter hostess Mina Murray, who has been a reader since NGR hit the Hub.

The Girls' holiday event is at Outpost 186, which only seats 35. Murray says this suits their birthday suits.

"I think it's a much more intimate space," she says. "There is very little barrier between the audience and the performers."

Murray reads Dickens in the buff on Saturday.

That's what Murray likes about reading: No matter the size of the audience, the lack of clothing gives listeners fewer distractions.

"I find that people in the audience, after the initial 'Oh my goodness, they're naked,' I think they hear the words better. Nothing stands between the reader and the book."

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If you go

- **'Do you look fabulous naked?' Who cares?** Mina Murray isn't new to bearing it all onstage. Her history with burlesque dancing and sitting as a nude artist model gives her the confidence to read clearly and calmly on stage.
- "Appearing before an audience with little to no clothing on is not new," she says. "I really enjoy speaking out loud. What's great is getting other people involved."
- It's not all about how good one may look without any clothes on, either.
- "We're not so much interested in the 'Do you look fabulous naked?' but how good of a reader you are," Murray says.
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Twitvid revamps to become an 'Open YouTube' online

- It's not trying to replace video-sharing stalwarts YouTube and Vimeo
- Twitvid aims to be the best spot to share videos in a social setting

Since its launch in 2009, Twitvid has been to video what Twitpic is to photos: a tool for easily adding your own content to the social stream. But this week, it's turning its site into a community for sharing all Web video — user-created or not.

This "open YouTube" will eventually allow users to post video from anywhere on the Web. It's starting with YouTube, Vimeo and Twitvid videos. Each user now has a stream that can be followed by other users.

What differentiates the system from Twitter and YouTube is that users can create topic-specific "subchannels" within their account that can also be followed. They can restrict posting privileges for these channels to just themselves, a small group or anybody.

The "post from anybody" option could be especially handy for brands and celebrities who wish to aggregate videos from a specific event like a rally or a concert. Twitvid already has media celebrities on its services, including Justin Bieber, Al Gore, John McCain, Tyra Banks and LeBron James.

Another aspect that differentiates the new video platform is that it makes everything accessible within feeds. Videos play within streams without opening on another page, and comments appear directly below videos within a stream. "We want this to be a place where you can talk and watch at the same time," Twitvid CEO Mo Adham says, while showing off a comment section that looks suspiciously designed to one day accommodate real-time chat.

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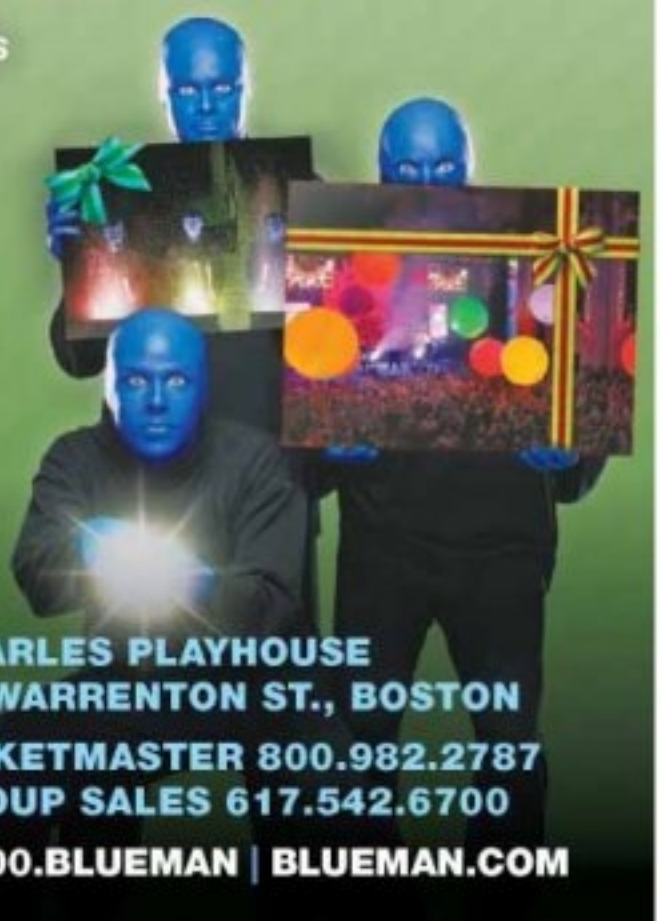

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The miracle cream debate

It's no longer enough for makeup to perform one function But are beauty brands misleading women with promises that a single product can't possibly deliver?

The best of the bunch: Popular multitaskers Lancome Teint Renergie Lift R.A.R.E., left; By Terry Hyaluronic Face Glow, right; Clinique Pore Refining Solutions Instant Perfector, far right

Makeup is a complicated affair. You have a zit that needs covering, but the concealer only makes the breakout worse. Or your pores are the size of golf balls, but the finely milled powder you splurged on just makes them look twice as big.

For the past year, science has been increasingly blurring the lines between makeup and skin care with products that address aging, sun protection, acne breakouts and redness, all in one shot. You know the products: a foundation that simultaneously covers flaws, evens skin tone and reduces signs of wrinkles, for example, or a concealer that blocks the sun, controls oil and clears up acne. But is the kill-three-skin-flaws-with-one-cream approach the best solution, or are single-use products still the best way to go?

Mary Schook, a makeup artist and skin care guru, is on the fence. "I think it's kind of like those all-in-one shampoo/conditioners. You can use them, but you still get the best results by using a separate shampoo and separate conditioner," she says. "A lot of these products that claim to block the sun's rays are not protecting the way they should. You're not getting a sunblock in a foundation unless it has both zinc and titanium dioxide. It has to be a chemical compound that blocks the sun's rays and it's hard to find that in a liquid foundation," she says.

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"Think of these makeup items as your bonus, not your main meal."

DR. DAY

Dermatologist Dr. Doris Day, meanwhile, thinks that multitasking products can work well as a supplement to a healthy skin care regimen, but don't necessarily warrant throwing out your arsenal of face creams. "I like multitasking products," she says. "Think of these makeup items as your bonus, not your main meal."

Celebrity makeup artist Talia Shobrook agrees that some makeup items that do triple-duty can be worth the investment. "The foundations and powders that include acne-fighting ingredients are great because that is a specific problem that can be treated quickly," she says. "But I don't necessarily think that an anti-aging foundation is going to work very well. Plus, the anti-aging ingredients seem to make the makeup feel heavier on the skin," she says.

Ultimately, the real task is knowing what to look for. "It's about finding the right ingredients," Schook says. Dr. Day adds, "You want to make sure the products don't combine ingredients that cancel each other out."

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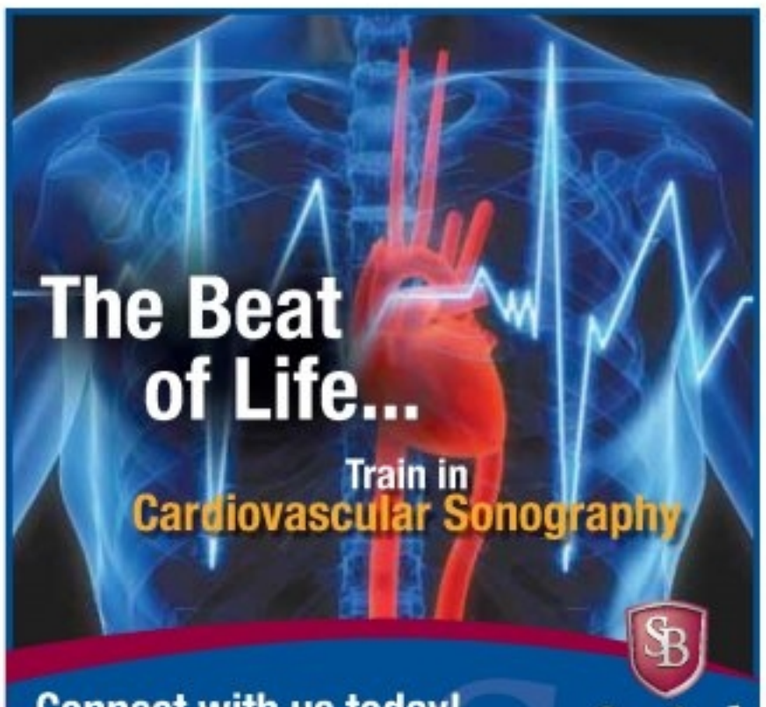

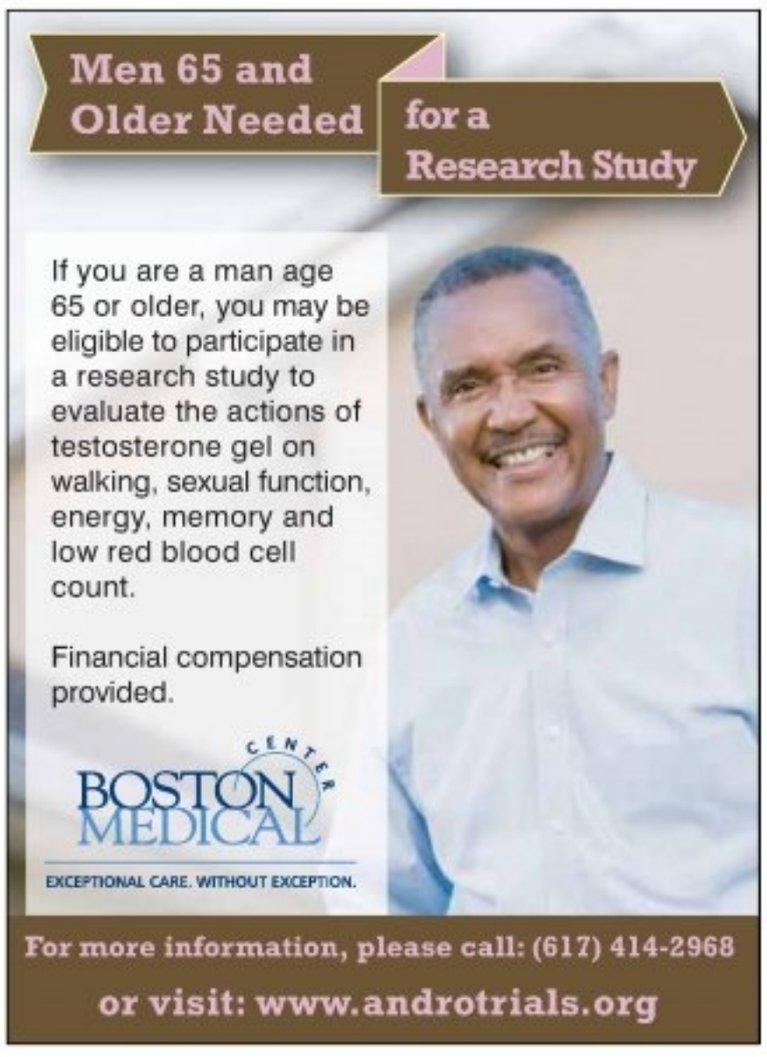

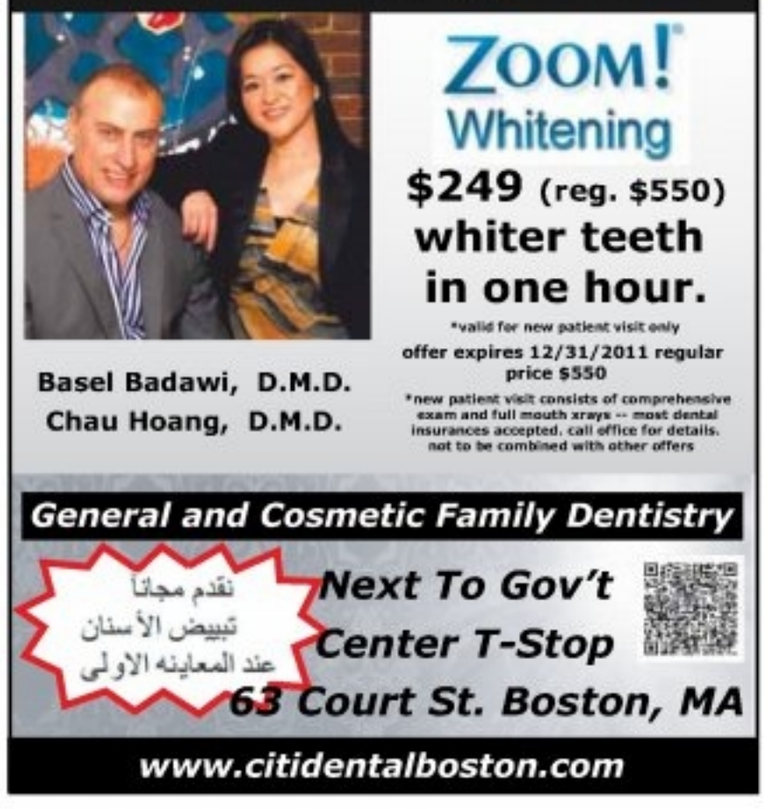

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▶ Go overboard this season? Drinking lots of water is a good way to get back on track.

Whether you go a little overboard with peppermint martinis and appetizers at a cocktail party or succumb to an overabundance of crab dip and cookies at your office shindig, it's likely you'll experience the unpleasant aftermath of a holiday eating spree at some point during the next few weeks.

If you're looking to quickly undo the damage, my holiday detox is the perfect fix. Simply follow this recovery menu after a day of feasting to offset the calorie gorge, banish bloat, burn fat and ramp up energy. No hokey juices or potions here; just real, whole foods that provide the right mix of ingredients to get your body back to baseline — fast.

*— For more tips on healthy eating, follow **Joy Bauer** on Facebook and Twitter (@joybauer) and visit **www.joybauer.com**.*

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Basic guidelines

1 Follow this daily menu for one to three consecutive days after a splurge.

2 Eat these five mini meals evenly spaced throughout your day.

3 Eat only what is listed on the menu — no added sugars, artificial sweeteners, salt, condiments, etc.

4 Drink only what is listed on the menu — no soda, juice, alcohol or diet beverages. (However, additional water is encouraged.)

Daily menu

Meal 1
- **Veggie scramble:** Whisk together one whole egg and three egg whites. In a skillet coated with oil spray, saute unlimited mushrooms, spinach and tomato until soft. Add the eggs and scramble.
- ½ grapefruit
- Optional black coffee/tea

Meal 2
- Drink 8 ounces of water within 30 minutes of eating.
- 1 nonfat Greek yogurt
- 15 pistachio nuts
- 1 mug green tea

Meal 3
- Drink 8 ounces of water within 30 minutes of eating.
- **Mediterranean salad:** Combine ¾ cup chickpeas with half a cucumber (diced) and half a red bell pepper (diced). Drizzle with unlimited balsamic vinegar.
- 1 mug green tea

Meal 4
- Drink 8 ounces of water within 30 minutes of eating.
- **Baked, grilled or broiled fish:** 5 ounces any fish, seasoned with fresh lemon and herbs
- Unlimited steamed broccoli with fresh lemon and black pepper
- 1 mug green tea

Meal 5
- 1 apple with 1 tablespoon peanut butter
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Drinking over the holidays: What you can do to stay safe

Excess is the operative word during the holidays. While too much food can certainly cause problems, too much alcohol can be deadly.

"Holiday accidents are totally preventable," says Dr. Gayle Randall, head of medical services at Malibu's Passages Drug and Alcohol Treatment Center. "Two to three times more people die in accidents during the holidays due to alcohol."

Holistic life coach Kendra Strasburg (www.hangovercoach.com) says that if abstinence is not possible, then it's key to be aware of drinking patterns and to be prepared.

"I highly recommend looking at your schedule each week and trying to make a plan," says Strasburg. "Just how many drinks do you want to consume that week? When you have a plan, find someone to hold you accountable. You'll be more successful."

Dr. Randall agrees and adds, "If you're hosting a party, have a list of cab numbers and watch your guests. Have the spare bed made up just in case. Never let anyone drive home drunk." LINDA CLARKE

Strasburg's tips to lessen the impact

- Drink a lot of water — and an extra glass between each cocktail consumed.
- Take a spoonful of olive oil straight up before going out. It slows down the time it takes for alcohol to pass through the stomach lining and into the bloodstream.

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FOR THE EXTENDED ARTICLE

Domestic Violence: What is it & who does it affect?

The following information is provided courtesy of Jane Doe Inc. and is available at their website, http://www.janedoe.org/

What is domestic violence?

Domestic violence includes a wide range of behaviors where one person is exerting power and control over a spouse, partner, girl/boyfriend, teen, or adult family member.

What does abuse look like?

While there is no typical domestic violence situation, there are common dynamics and warning signs that may be present either individually or in combination with each other:

- Isolation from family or friends
- Name-calling, put downs, emotional abuse
- Manipulation of children or other family members
- Hurt or abuse of pets
- Withholding medication or assistance devices for people with disabilities or elders
- Physical and/or sexual violence
- Monitoring activity via technology
- Financial exploitation
- Threats or acts of homicide
- Jealousy and possessiveness

Who are victims?

- Anyone. Domestic violence affects teens and adults of every age, racial or ethnic background, religious group, neighborhood, and income level.
- Primarily women. The U.S. Department of Justice estimates that more than 90% of all domestic violence victims are female and that most abusers are male.
- GLBT. Gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals are abused at approximately the same levels as heterosexual couples.
- Elders. 11% of individuals 60 and older reported experiencing abuse within the last year. Perpetrators include spouses or partners as well as adult children and caregivers.
- Children. Children may themselves also be victims of domestic violence or be hurt by being exposed to the violence and the battering parent.
- Teens. 18% of high school females and 7% of high school boys report being physically hurt by someone they are dating.
- Immigrants. Domestic violence within immigrant and refugee communities can cause victims to be isolated socially and legally due to documentation status or language barriers.
- Men. Men and boys are victims of domestic violence, with estimates as high as 17% of men in relationships reporting violence committed against them by their partner.
- Disabilities. People with disabilities report higher rates of domestic violence than the general public. People with caregiver or power relationships are often identified as the perpetrators.
- Our community. Even if an individual is not directly impacted by domestic violence, we are all affected as friends, coworkers, neighbors, and family members. We each have a role in identifying, stopping, and preventing abuse!

If you or someone you love is experiencing abuse, please call:

SafeLink, Massachusetts' 24-hour domestic violence hotline (multilingual): 1-877-785-2020; TTY: 1-877-521-2601

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Until recently, the primary option was to receive a "fixed focus" IOL. Patients who received this type of IOL typically had both eyes corrected for distance vision but usually still required glasses for intermediate and near vision.

If you are experiencing presbyopia or cataracts, you may be a candidate for one of the new technologically advanced IOLs that can provide a full range of vision. This means that you can read and see clearly in the distance and everything in-between, with little or no dependence on bifocals, trifocals, or contact lenses. It's almost like having a bifocal or progressive lens inside your eye.

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Healthy holiday helpings

Dana-Farber offers tips to fight cancer with your fork this holiday season

The holidays are in full swing and festive food is everywhere. "While these foods are delicious to eat, some have the added bonus of containing cancer-preventing nutrients," says Stephanie Meyers, MS, RD/LDN, a nutritionist at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Pumpkin isn't just for pie

Pumpkin can be a holiday staple for many families. And for some, it may be one of the tastiest ways to enhance the body's own natural cancer fighting ability, notes Meyers. Pumpkins are packed with nutrients called carotenoids, which have been linked to the prevention of colon, prostate, breast, and lung cancer.

Although many people only eat pumpkin when it is made into a pie, it can also be enjoyed in a variety of other ways, including roasted pumpkin, pumpkin soup and high fiber pumpkin muffins or bread.

It's the bright color that gives pumpkins their rich nutrients – so look for other orange vegetables, like sweet potatoes, carrots and butternut and acorn squash. All are also high in carotenoids.

Meyers stresses, "It is more beneficial to consume carotenoids from whole foods rather than from supplements, because carotenoids in the pill-form do not appear to have the same protective properties." In fact, that is true of many of the nutrients in foods. Eating whole foods typically provides greater health benefits than taking a dietary supplement.

An Apple a Day

Apples are another food packed with cancer preventing properties, thanks to the nutrient quercitin, which protects DNA in the body's cells from damage that could lead to the development of cancer.
To get the most protection against cancer from apples – eat them with the skin on and not combined with sugar and fats, like in a pie.

Not Just For the Holidays

Meyers reminds her patients that cranberries aren't just for the holidays and encourages them to eat cranberries year-round. That's because cranberries contain benzoic acid, which has been shown to inhibit the growth of lung cancer, colon cancer, and some forms of leukemia.

She recommends buying bags of cranberries now, while they are in season and at their nutritional peak, and popping them in the freezer for later. This will help ensure that the berries will provide the highest level of cancer protection whenever cooking with them - all year long.

Color your world

The overall key to finding cancer fighting foods is to look for a lot of color. Look for colorful produce like pomegranates, tomatoes, eggplant, grapes, cherries and turnip. The brighter and richer the pigment, the higher the level of nutrients "You want to load up your plate with as much colorful plant-based foods as you can," explains Meyers. "Eating a plant-based diet all year long is the best way to help lower your risk of cancer."

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This Holiday Season, Eat, Drink, and be Very Good to Your Teeth

Massachusetts Dental Society

While we all know that the holiday season can be tough on your wallet and your waistline, did you also know it can pose some danger to your gumline?

Holiday events and traditions, such as family and work parties, are often a big part of the end of the year. However, according to the Massachusetts Dental Society (MDS), some aspects of this holiday season may not bring comfort and joy to your mouth and can actually cause injury to your teeth.

While many of us enjoy consuming seasonal holiday foods and drinks, use caution when being home for the holidays and consuming anything overly acidic, sugary, or sticky. Acidic foods and drinks, such as citrus fruits and juices, wine, soft drinks, and sweetened mixed drinks, can actually cause enamel erosion over time. It is better to sip beverages through a straw to minimize exposure of the acids to the tooth enamel. Also, try to avoid sticky toffees and candy, as they can loosen or even remove fillings and crowns.

While giving and receiving holiday gifts can be enjoyable, they can also pose problems for your oral health. Many people use their teeth to cut through ribbon and tape, open packages, and remove tags from new clothing. These practices can cause your teeth to chip, crack, or even break. Remember to always use a pair of scissors to open your child's new toy or remove that tag from a new sweater—never use your teeth. And if you own a nutcracker, it's better to use that to crack nuts than your teeth.

So how do you know if you have cracked or chipped a tooth? A cracked tooth is often not visible to the naked eye. You might experience pain when opening your mouth on the side where the crack is located, and the cracked tooth might have a lingering sensitivity to heat or cold. It is best to visit your dentist if you think you have cracked or broken a tooth or think you are grinding your teeth at night. He or she is best able to diagnose and treat any issues you may have.

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Tis the season: Christmas war

RE: "IT'S OK TO SAY: MERRY XMAS": I couldn't agree more with Jacquie Hannigan regarding the replacement of the word "Christmas" with "Holidays." I'm even more concerned with Metro's headline: Replacing Christ's name with an "X" has to be the most sacrilegious gesture on the planet! Whatever happened to our freedom of religion? Metro: I earnestly believe you owe Jesus an apology!
KENNETH STEVENSON, VIA E-MAIL

Hannigan writes that she respects others' religious days. She might be interested to learn that many Christians would denounce her sentiment. Conservative Christians aver that their particular sect is the "Only True Religion" and that any who disagree will not only be damned eternally but pose a threat to "True Believers." As a result, the TBs themselves threaten American ideals. That's why many feel squeamish about calling the winter solstice Christmas.
ROBERT B. PIERCE, MALDEN

Hannigan's lamenting of the Christmas rhetorical "war" is myopic. The idea that Christians have a monopoly on late December is ahistorical and inaccurate. That the phrase "Happy Holidays" is gaining popularity could be due to a spirit of inclusiveness, a growing pluralism in the USA, or the plain fact that several major holidays cluster on the calendar. When Jacquie implores us to "... respect Christians and let us have our Christmas", I say yes! Share the respect and allow them to celebrate their holiday! But then in return don't expect everyone to align their winter well-wishes to your theology. **STEVEN AHERN, BOSTON**

Most people respect Christians and are happy to "let you have your Christmas"; I myself love it. But I think nationally you get resistance from non-Christians because the season starts in earnest the day after Halloween. No other holiday gets celebrated in song, stores, TV shows, commercials, radio ads, print and decorations like Christmas does for two solid months. If you had to hear about President's day or Kwanza for that long every year, I think you'd be sick of it in no time, too. **JD DUCAS, VIA E-MAIL**

Quoted

"Stop raging at an illusory persecution and leave the Festivus for the rest of us!"
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Horoscope

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♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** If you know you lack the necessary knowledge concerning a commercial involvement, don't hesitate to rely on a trustworthy associate. They will guide you through the maze.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Fairness and tact are your two greatest assets. Once others see that you are not trying to put anything over on them, they will treat you fairly.
♓ Pisces Feb. **20-March 20.** Conditions in general look to be extremely favorable where your work or career is concerned. Keep performing to the best of your abilities, because your efforts are being noticed.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Yield to your need to spend some relaxing time with good friends and fun companions. You don't have to penalize your budget to do so — an inexpensive get-together will suffice.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Allocate a reasonable amount of time to tending to the needs of those you love. If you do so purely from your heart's desire, it'll be extremely fulfilling.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** There are a couple of dynamic forces at work within you that could yield you much success. One is the abundance of bright ideas you'll get, and the other is how you implement them.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It is admirable how generous you are. You'll not only spend on things you want, but also put toward supplying pleasure for others as well.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Because your showmanship qualities will be very much in evidence, everything you do will carry a flair for the dramatic and even attract an audience.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** You'll sense that in order to be effective, it will be best to keep a low profile. Thus, you will likely choose to operate in the background, planting your ideas in the minds of associates.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Maintain a positive attitude and all the dealings you have with large groups or corporations will come off as well as you hoped they would.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** The itchy feeling dogging your heels that life has been conspiring against you will finally fade. Freed from the burden of your own spurious premonitions, you'll begin to make slow but definite improvements.
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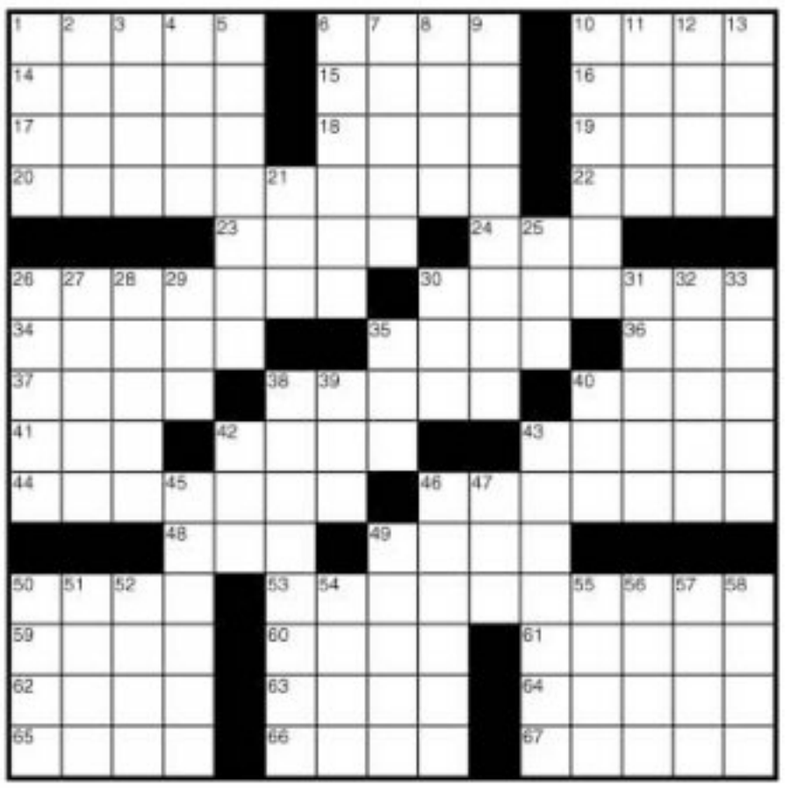

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Window closing for the Big Three

Allen, Garnett, Pierce aren't getting any younger ◐ Garnett believes team is very confident ◐ Rivers: 'We have to take advantage of this year'

We've all been saying it for a while, but Celtics coach Doc Rivers said it loud and clear yesterday afternoon.

"Our window is closing. There's no doubt about that. So we have to take advantage of this year."

The Celtics go into the 2011-12 season with perhaps the lowest chance at a legitimate title run since the Big Three of Paul Pierce, Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen were assembled.

"I know we look at it as the league is getting younger," Garnett said. "Obviously we're a veteran team. But one thing you can't teach is experience. We're a very confident group, a group that's willing to work. We put in the work and that's what we're going to do."

One thing you can't question is effort on and off the court. While everyone is quick to point out that this is probably the team's last shot, Allen doesn't see it.

"This year, just like last year, the year before, you guys have asked us that same question: Is this our last opportunity? Every moment we come out here is our last opportunity because nothing's promised," Allen said.

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▶ Is this the end for Paul Pierce, Ray Allen and Kevin Garnett in Celtics green?

Pierce is here for a couple seasons after next, and isn't buying into Rivers' or anyone else's "window" talk.

"I really didn't put any thought in to it, because I really see Kevin and Ray really playing past this year — hopefully with the Boston Celtics even though their contract is up," Pierce said. "But if Doc wants to use that as motivation then I will."

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▶ Stern

Garnett bashes Stern on trade talk

Celtics forward Kevin Garnett didn't hold back when talking about NBA Commissioner David Stern at yesterday's Celtics Media Day.

The veteran was particularly unhappy with the rushed period before the season.

"Everybody is paying attention to the Chris Paul situation," he said. "But I don't know why everyone's shocked, because Stern has been pretty adamant about when he wants to do things and how he does things."

Garnett also said he was unhappy with the compressed training camp, but said no one on the team would use it as an excuse this season.

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In the news

Harrison out for one game

Steelers linebacker James Harrison has been suspended one game for his helmet-to-helmet hit on Browns QB Colt McCoy.

Harrison, who said he didn't think the hit deserved even a fine, will appeal the decision.

McCoy left the game, but returned. His father said after the game that his son had a concussion and shouldn't have returned.

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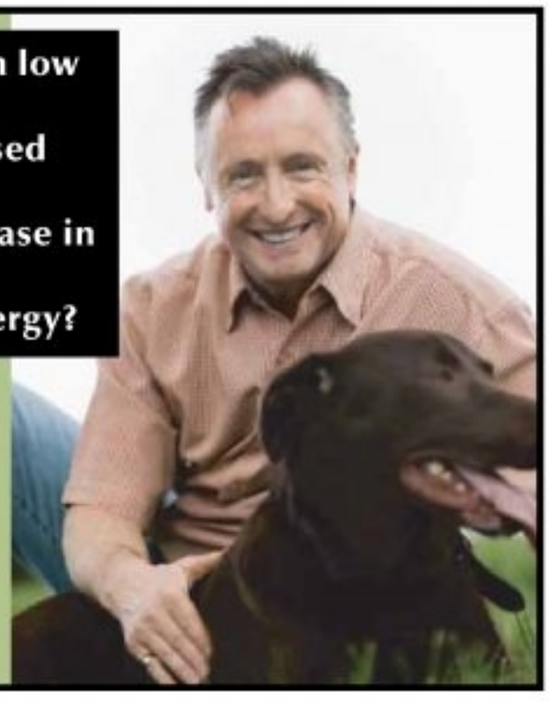

BU handled by 'Nova

For 19-plus minutes, it sure looked like Boston University was going to escape South Philadelphia with a victory. The Terriers were draining three-pointers, playing good transition defense and defending the perimeter.

Then, Villanova's Maalik Wayns hit a shot — and the bottom fell out as the Terriers limped back to Boston following a 68-43 loss last night.

Wayns connected on a three-ball just three minutes into the second half and the Wildcats went on a 16-1 run. Villanova (6-4), which had shot just 18.2 percent from the floor in the first half, couldn't miss in the second half and BU (4-7) couldn't recover, even after calling a timeout with 12:27 showing.

The Terriers were paced by sophomore guard D.J. Irving (11 points) and senior forward Patrick Hazel (nine points).

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▶ Maalik Wayns

TEBOW TIME IS NOT SAME AS VONN TIME

Opinion

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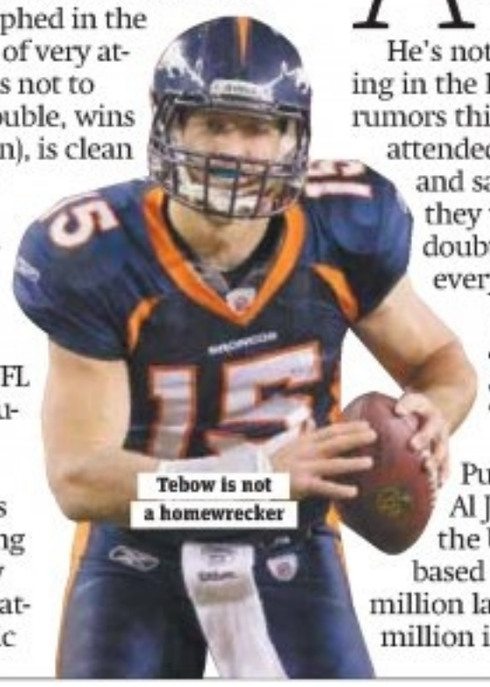
Tim Tebow, the new King of the Sports World — move over Lionel Messi, Tom Brady, LeBron James and Albert Pujols — was a notorious ladies' man in college.

While starring at quarterback at Florida, women gravitated toward him and he was often photographed in the presence of very attractive women. What's not to like? He stays out of trouble, wins (two titles, one Heisman), is clean cut, religious and has a winning smile (he was featured in GQ as a college kid, shirtless).

After a quiet rookie year in Denver, he's been the story of the NFL in 2011. Enter dating rumors!

The scuttlebutt in Denver for a few weeks has been that something was up between Tebow and Lindsey Vonn, the attractive blonde Olympic skiing champion. She attended Broncos games. She was photographed "Tebowing." And based on some of the women Tebow was photographed with at Florida, she fits the profile — blonde, tall, attractive.


Tebow is not a homewrecker

And then there's this: Last month, she announced she's getting divorced from her husband. The tabloid headlines flew: Tim Tebow, homewrecker!

He's not, of course. Vonn, writing about skiing in the Denver Post, actually addressed the rumors this week. After talking about how she attended the most recent Tebow triumph and sat with Tebow's family, she noted they were just friends. To assuage the doubters, she took to Twitter to again let everyone know they were not dating.

Al Jefferson, fan of the cougars

Puzzling NBA incident from last week: Al Jefferson is a 26-year-old center for the Utah Jazz. He's a nice player, but based on potential, he's making bank: $13 million last year and already a whopping $43 million in his career.

Someone — police won't say who — called the police Thursday night because Jefferson's live-in girlfriend allegedly hit and bit Jefferson. He's 6-foot-10, 280 pounds. The police report claimed his girlfriend bit him on the back in the presence of two young children. She was arrested.

Now, the kicker. His girlfriend, Shirley Lewis, is 38 years old and 5-foot-7, 170 pounds.

Get a room, Bills fans

For the second time in three years, a couple has been arrested for having sex in the bathroom at a Bills game. Two elementary school teachers in their 30s were caught bumping uglies in the bathroom two weeks ago at the Bills-Titans game. They were arrested and their status as teachers is in jeopardy. Since their names were made public, I imagine back-to-school night might be slightly awkward. Or, you know, if the teacher called home because your kid was acting up in class.

"Little Joey was misbehaving? Well, at least he wasn't having sex in a filthy, public setting."

*– **Jason Raj McIntyre** covers athletes off the field and runs the popular blog, The Big Lead.*

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No distraction

If the Syracuse basketball team has been bothered by the scandal, they haven't shown it.

As of Monday, the Orange stand at 10-0 and are the top-ranked team in the nation. Syracuse is outscoring its opponents by nearly 23 points per game.

'Cuse, Boeheim sued by accusers

Accusers say Boeheim, school guilty of defamation
Lawsuit filed in New York State Supreme Court

Despite being named the No. 1 team in the nation on Monday, the Bernie Fine distraction continues to loom large in Syracuse.

Bobby Davis and Mike Lang, the two men that accused Fine of molesting them during the 1980s and 90s, have sued the school and Hall of Fame head coach Jim Boeheim for defamation.

When the story first broke last month, Boeheim was quick to call the accusers "liars" who were looking for money in the wake of the Jerry Sandusky case at Penn State. Boeheim has since softened his stance, saying he "misspoke very badly" and is now waiting for the legal process to play out.

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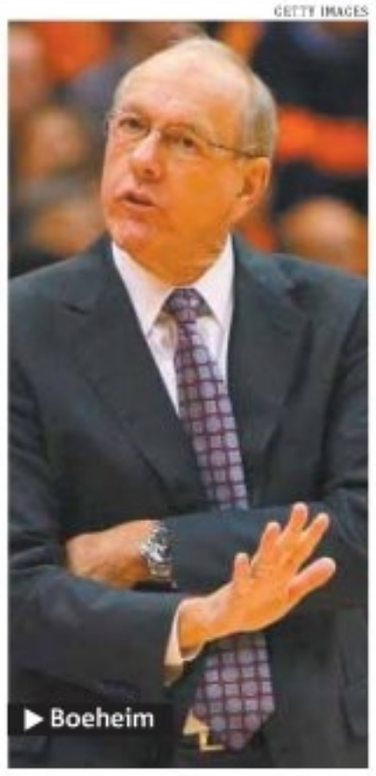

▶ Boeheim

Davis and Lang filed the lawsuit yesterday in New York State Supreme Court. Attorney Gloria Allred said at a news conference that it was time for Syracuse and Boeheim to be held accountable.

"It really hurt me to learn coach Boeheim had accused me of lying," Davis has said.

Davis served as a ballboy for the Orange in the 1980s. Lang is his stepbrother.

Fine has since been fired by the university, and the U.S. attorney's office is investigating the case in Syracuse. METRO

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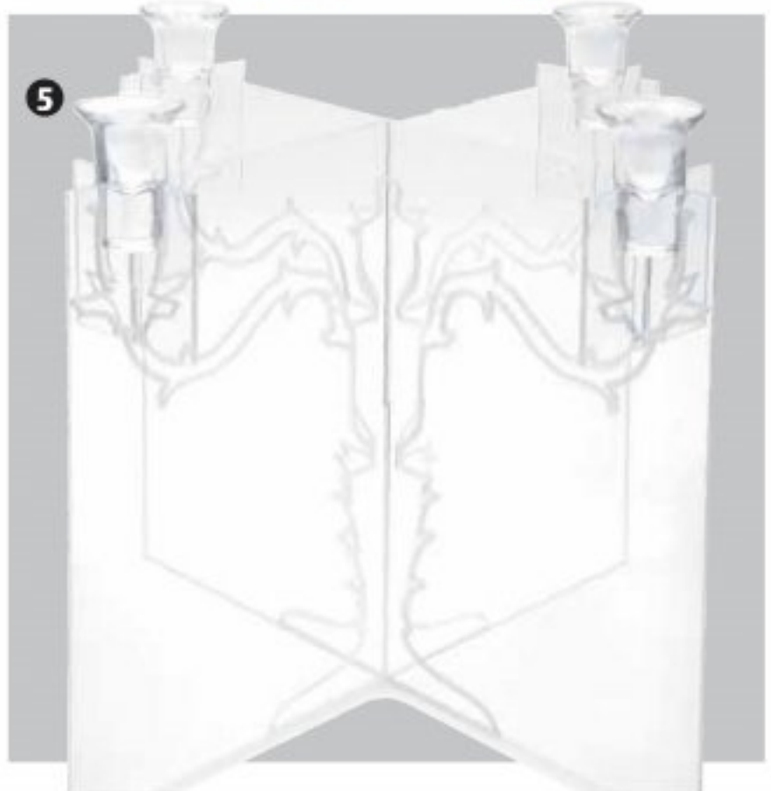
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1. You can have a themed tree without being a total grinch. Pottery Barn Kids ornaments let you include photos without inviting your niece's still-sticky popsicle stick frame. **$4-$7, www.potterybarnkids.com**

2. IKEA's Strala lights lend a soft holiday glow — and they'll never get tangled into a giant ball of fragile, ominously blinking cat bait. **$13-$40, www.ikea.com**

3. Feel the need to light up some greens, but not wrestle a tree in your third-floor walk-up? Frosted votives nestle into the moss of this rustically festive trough by Olive & Cocoa. **$58, www.oliveandcocoa.com**

4. Restoration Hardware's vintage glass snowflakes have a holiday sparkle that doesn't fade come Dec. 26. **$18 (set of three), www.restorationhardware.com**

5. Designer Jon Russell's "Ghost Candelabra" is made of flat Lucite panels; just add some flickering candles to channel Christmases past. **$65, www.momastore.org**

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More ornaments

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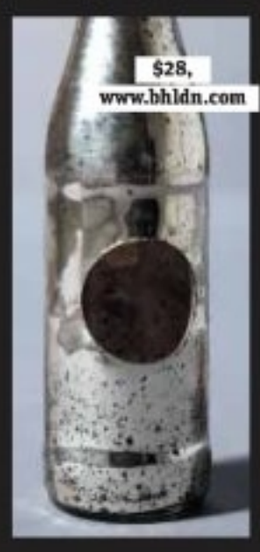

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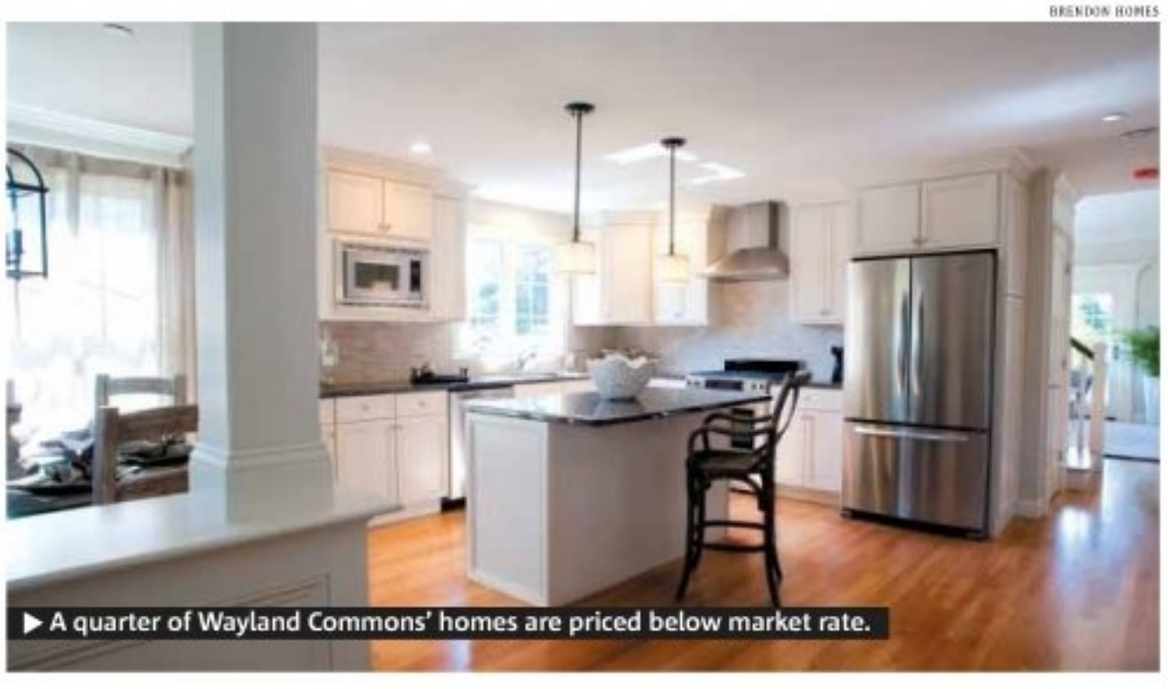

▶ A quarter of Wayland Commons' homes are priced below market rate.

If you always thought of Wayland as way-too-expensive land, you might be in for quite a surprise

Wayland Commons, a townhouse condominium development 20 miles west of the Back Bay, won this year's Builder's Association of Greater Boston PRISM award for Best Affordable Community. Wayland is not generally thought of as affordable, but Wayland Commons includes a high percentage of homes priced below market rate, often called workforce or affordable units, a measure that fits in with the statewide affordable housing initiative.

"We designated 25 percent of the homes to be priced below market rate, which gave us a lower median price overall," says Brendon Giblin, VP of operations at developers Brendon Homes, of the PRISM award.

Giblin adds that a high standard of Energy Star-rated construction throughout the development means all of the homes are good value. "But unlike many developments, we didn't compromise with the affordable units when it came to construction. We did that for two reasons: to keep the integrity of the neighborhood and maintain a good experience for all."

Giblin says that meant a cut in revenue on those individual affordable home sales. "We don't expect to make a profit on the affordable housing units," he says. "In fact, we went backwards a bit on those. But the entire project was successful and sold above our expectations, so it evens out."

The Commons community ranges from young professionals to retirees. It's a quick commute to Boston, but most people like the quiet, rural atmosphere.

"It has that small-town feel because the school system is exceptional," says Giblin. "Wayland is an area that sells itself."

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The specifics

Phase One's 32 units are all sold, but construction on Phase Two will add 16 homes for a proposed summer 2012 move-in date. Sales are already underway. Prices start at $572,000 for a two-bed/two-bath home with approx. 2,200 sq. ft. **(24 Old Sudbury Rd., Wayland, 508-358-9100, www.waylandcommons.com)**

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By Attorney George Warshaw

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For condo associations, it's quality of life. You can usually amend the condominium rules or by-laws to establish a smoke-free policy.

So if you can go smoke-free this Christmas, perhaps that's the best gift of all.

Next week: a Christmas Story

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